

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4. **(Cancelled)**

Claim 5. **(Withdrawn)** A method for assaying one or more target analytes in a sample, wherein said method comprises:

- (A) providing, for at least one target analyte to be assayed, a binding ligand of said target analyte, said binding ligand being bound to a solid support; wherein said support comprises bound interfering molecules that sterically interfere with the ability of said binding ligand to bind to said target analyte but does not hinder the binding of all other target analyte(s) to all other binding ligand(s);
- (B) determining, for such target analyte(s), the presence, absence, activity or concentration of said target analyte(s), by determining the extent of binding between said target analyte and said solid-support-bound binding ligand of said target analyte.

Claim 6. **(Withdrawn)** A method for assaying one or more target analytes in a sample, wherein said method comprises:

- (A) providing, for at least one target analyte to be assayed, a binding ligand of said target analyte, said binding ligand being bound to a solid support; wherein the ability of said binding ligand to bind to said target analyte is hindered by a chemical interference that does not hinder the binding of all other target analyte(s) to all other binding ligand(s);